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# Heber Creeper Extends To Utah County

*July 1984*

The Deer Creek Scenic Railroad, operators of the "Heber Creeper" steam train, announce that steam train service will be extended into the Provo Canyon starting Saturday. The company, which has had to restrict service to the portion of the track between Heber City and the Deer Creek Dam, will have several special activities to greet the first train when it arrives at Vivian County Park, its new terminus in the canyon.

"It has taken a lot of work, but we are sure that our riders will appreciate the extension," stated Murl Rawlins Jr., President of the railroad company. Rawlins noted that it will be the first time trains have operated over the Utah County portion of the line in almost two years. The last two miles of the line between Vivian Park and Bridal Veil Falls will remain closed for the time being because of poor track conditions.

Local dignitaries, including representatives from the railroad and the Utah County Travel Council, will be on hand to meet and ride the train when it arrives at Vivian Park at 12:30 p.m.

The Heber City-based line will be operating two round-trip trains each day for the remainder of the summer.





## Historic railroad to offer rides in Provo Canyon

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HEBER — The Heber Valley Historic Railroad will be providing trips to Deer Creek Dam and through Provo Canyon daily during the summer.

This historic railroad includes restored coaches. In 1899, the line the track follows was created when the Utah Eastern Railway (Rio Grande Western) extended service from Provo to Heber City.

Until June 21, trains will leave the train depot, located at 450 S. 600 West, Heber City, at 11 a.m. on weekdays and at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Beginning June 21, there will be two train trips per day available at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. These trips will be two-hour journeys to Deer Creek Dam and back to Heber.

On July 1, the train trips will extend to Vivian Park and back with a half-hour layover at Vivian Park.

These trips will take three and a half hours and will be available every day at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until Sept. 12.

Tickets are \$8 for adults (11 and over) and \$5.50 for children (10 and under) for the Deer Creek trip and \$10 for adults and \$6.50 for

children for the Vivian Park trip. Babies in arms are free and senior citizen prices are \$2 less than the adult fares.

One-way trips are available from Heber to Vivian Park at \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Reservations are recommended; call 1-800-982-3257.

Those riding the train should be aboard no later than 10 minutes before the time of departure.

Food and beverages are available on all trains as well as wheelchair accommodations. Beverage coolers and picnic baskets are not allowed on the trains.

Those riding should dress appropriately for the weather and avoid riding in high-heeled shoes or with bare feet.

People should also be aware of blowing soot and cinders from the trains; passengers assume all risk of personal injury or damage to clothing or property.

The Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority is a non-profit organization with the purpose of furthering the preservation of Utah's railroad history through operation of the railroad.



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Dick Erickson, a West Jordan railroad contractor, shows off his three models of section cars included in the North American Rail Car Operator's Association "Around the West" tour.

## Section-Car Caravan Rolls Into Provo Canyon Today







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